

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mark A. Farley on 31 August 2006.

The application has been amended as follows:

in claim 1, the phrase --by weight-- has been added after "0.6%" on line 3,
in claim 22, the phrase --by weight-- has been added after "0.6%" on line 3,] 10/9/06
in claim 23, the phrase --by weight-- has been added after "0.6%" on line 5,
in claim 30, the phrase --by weight-- has been added after "0.6%" on line 5,
in claim 37, the phrase --by weight-- has been added after "0.6%" on line 3, and
claims 8-21, 27, and 34 have been canceled.

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance.

The invention as claimed is directed to a repelling agent and bearing component having a surface coated with a film formed from the repelling agent. The repelling agent comprises about 100-400 ppm of a UV coloring agent and about 0.1-0.6 wt% of a fluorine-based polymer in a solvent.